

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 3rd, 2013
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, and Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Chief Officer Richard Foutch

Before the opening of the regular meeting, a meeting was held for public comment on the 2014 budget. There were no comments.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR August 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

John Wardlaw was present, and wanted more information on connecting his, and John Loveland's buildings to the new sewer extension on State Road 46. Attorney Lorenz updated the progress thus far. He said that the sewer line extension from the Town to SR 43 is in progress and is expected to be complete sometime in mid-November 2013. That extension will be servicing Hoosier Energy, the nursing home, and one of the churches on SR 43. He said there was no existing plan to extend the sewer anywhere else at this time, however, anyone can make an inquiry about extending it to their own property at their own cost. He suggested that John Wardlaw meet with John Hodge to do this. He also said after an estimate for cost, along with an idea of who might be interested in hooking on, the Town may help on the costs, depending on usage, etc. John Wardlaw agreed to meet with John Hodge. Discussion continued after John Wardlaw left, about other possible interested property owners. Richard Lorenz stated there were nine interested

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Officer Foutch asked for permission to order 4 new tasers, using the training fund to pay for them, for a total of \$4,796.80. There was a suggestion that he get a 4-year warranty.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase of the four tasers and the 4 year warranty in the amount of \$5,284.80. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

Chief Foutch said he had a request that during the parade, that Cooper Street be made no parking. Larry Parrish said that he would get no parking signs to put along that area.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry reported on maintenance projects. He also discussed the flooding issue located at Morgan and Vandalia Streets. He said that the area has always been a flood issue. Larry stated that he and John Hodge had the Ellettsville sewer department bring a camera to televise the drainage system. He said that the Town has no drainage here. All of 46, on both sides of the street, are the state's piping. He stated that he discussed this issue with Ed Unger who told Larry they were replacing piping with a 36" and the town has a 56" feeding into it. He said Unger would look at upgrading to a 48". Further discussion took place about the corner, and what could be done to correct it. Sharon Close said that Becky Gross from INDOT said that the drains by Bauer and her building are collapsed. The Board agreed to call Becky Gross and have her come down again to resolve where the problem is, and who's responsibility to fix it, it is.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the operations and maintenance of the sewer plant. He requested approval to repair the non-potable water pump for the estimated amount of \$1,529.52.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the cost for the repair. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

A request for a sewer adjustment for Peterson Holdings, Inc. d/b/a as Pizza Hut was submitted in the amount of \$597.00. This request was previously denied based on information obtained about the leak going through the sewer system. After further investigation, it was determined, that the majority of the water had in fact, run into the ground.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the leak adjustment based on the additional information provided, because it now meets the criteria. The motion was seconded by Cynthia, and passed 2-1.

Richard Lorenz wanted to clarify that when he meets with the Sewer extension board that he be able to tell them that the Town is willing to pick up the cost for putting in all the Y's at a cost of \$6,400 and the 9 laterals for an estimated cost of \$265 each, total estimated cost is around \$8,785.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that the property located north of the Owen County Art Guild was acquired in a sheriff's sale for \$15,563.62. He inquired as to how the town wished to dispose of it. After some discussion, the Board decided to table this decision for the time being.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding the 46 lighting project but no decisions were made.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reported on the Solid Waste District. He said he was told that the can remain a Solid Waste District in name only, and there was no budget money available. He will ask for this in writing, but feels that beginning in 2014, this will be the case.

Jon Stantz discussed the possibility of having Town Ordinances that could enforce codes for rental properties. He said he would get copies of ordinances from Lafayette and see about modifying for our use.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

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Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer